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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

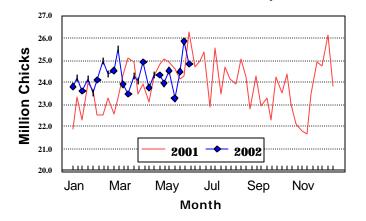
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending June 15, 2002. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through June 15, 2002 were 583.0 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down a fraction of a percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

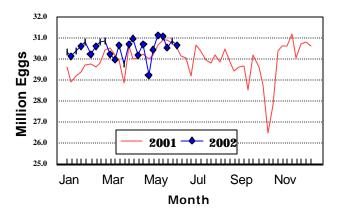
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 15, 2002, up slightly from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

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Week Ending	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	
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May 11	25,067	23,986	96	25,054	25,216	101	30,173	30,436	101	
May 18	24,954	24,545	98	25,092	25,713	102	30,645	31,108	102	
May 25	24,590	23,262	95	24,893	24,415	98	30,896	31,069	101	
June 1	24,144	24,514	102	25,100	25,320	101	30,900	30,531	99	
June 8	24,301	25,846	106	25,523	25,986	102	30,740	30,870	100	
June 15	26,284	24,814	94	25,758	25,876	100	30,578	30,655	100	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

	E	GGS SET (in Thousan	ds)			CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending					1/
STATE	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	15-Jun	%	11-May	18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	15-Jun	%
Alabama	30,051 *	29,510	29,497	29,532	100	22,425	22,408	22,923	22,280	22,467	22,234	105
ARKANSAS	31,069	30,531	30,870	30,655	100	23,986	24,545	23,262	24,514	25,846	24,814	94
Delaware	3,741	3,402*	3,400	3,623	101	6,096	4,473	5,577	5,648 *	,	5,362	100
Florida	2,383	2,362	2,371	2,364	97	2,160	2,302	2,334 *	,	2,315	2,458	99
Georgia	32,644	32,688	32,725	32,672	101	26,533	25,853	25,272	26,893	26,543	25,948	100
Kentucky	7,001	6,931	6,910	6,885	105	5,493	5,326	5,810	5,319	5,539	5,679	108
Maryland	10,030	10,023*	9,898*	9,962	104	5,399	6,407	6,018	5,428 *	5,861 *	6,315	105
Mississippi	19,161	19,280	19,320	19,130	101	15,569	15,169	16,034	15,554	16,183	16,113	101
N. Carolina	19,224 *	19,859	19,980	18,881	105	15,708	15,565	15,370	15,453	15,912	15,243	105
Oklahoma	6,769	6,687	6,836	6,763	106	5,395	4,500	5,210	4,815	4,821	4,870	113
Pennsylvania	3,991	3,983	3,998*	4,053	103	2,720	2,702	2,740	2,527	2,693 *	2,796	106
S. Carolina	4,836	4,871	4,723	4,758	95	3,766	3,800	4,104	3,636	3,498 *	4,607	103
Texas	15,273	15,323	15,290	15,250	103	12,169	12,204	12,277	12,292	12,122	12,148	100
Virginia	6,588	6,467	6,363	6,395	94	5,211	5,585	5,378	6,036 *	5,764 *	5,332	100
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	21,031 *	20,673	20,689*	20,743	102	18,713	20,469 *	19,473 *	20,022	19,196 *	19,608	91
Total 2002	213,792*	212,590 *	212,870*	211,666		171,343	171,308 *	171,782*	172,766*	174,465*	173,527	
Total 2001	211,382	210,296	209,517	209,074		169,409	168,987	168,596	171,364	171,583	173,304	
% Prev. Year	101	101	102	101		101	101 06-Jul	102	101	102	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002								13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	

^{*} Revised.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending June 15, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 15, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through June 15, 2002 were 4.08 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.